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Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes of the September 9, 2009 Meeting
@ 31 Arbor Way

- I. Call to order: Chair Gordon Oliver called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Commission members in attendance: Michael Pantuosco, Thomas Boscarino, Thomas Stauffer, Cyndi Costanzo, Bob Larew, Kevin Hayes.

Also, attending: Bob Tedford/Director of Recreation

Attendance from the public: Kerrin Ewing, 94 Reeves Road, Ellington; Laura Mulka, 74 Hillside Drive, Ellington; Amy Blaymore Paterson, Project Manager, The Trust for Public Land; Rob Phillips, Town Planner, Town of Ellington.

- II. Correspondence

- III. Approval of Aug. 17, 2009 meeting minutes

MOTION: Made by T. Boscarino and seconded by M. Pantuosco to approve the minutes as submitted.

VOTE: 5-0-1 in favor of the motion.

Cyndi Costanzo arrived at this time [after vote]

- IV. Public Forum:

L. Mulka, representing the Simmons Soccer Club, had requested that the commission 'revisit' the decision that was rendered at the August 17, 2009 commission meeting, denying the Simmons Soccer Club use of the middle school soccer field for the FALL of 2009. After a lengthy discussion and confirmation that 'space' may be available, on a week to week basis, the commission members agreed to allow the Simmons Soccer club the ability to practice at EMS, on a Tuesday or Thursday evening, provided a Town of Ellington team has not been precluded from scheduling that field.

MOTION: Made by M. Pantuosco and seconded by C. Costanzo to approve the use of EMS by the Simmons Soccer Club for the FALL of 2009 with the approved stipulations.

VOTE: 7-0 IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION.

- V. Chairman's report: None.

VI. Recreation Director's report:

- a) Reviewed FALL program brochure.
- b) H1N1: Discussions and meetings have been held with Jeremy Plossay from the North Central Health District re preparations for 2009-10 relative to the Recreation Department. Commission members C. Costanzo and B. Larew will work with B. Tedford to determine a formal course of action, as dictated by the health department.
- c) Re Hubbard Lane property review. Project Manager Amy Blaymore Paterson arrived at 8:15pm to discuss the property situated at 5 and 11 Hubbard Lane, Ellington. Ms. Paterson and R. Phillips reviewed the project and the process that has been followed to date (including site visits and approvals from the BOS and BOF to put the item on the November 2009 ballot). Further discussion was held relative to continuing on-going discussions and/or meetings with the BOS along with town departments and agencies in order to update the 5-10 year plan recommendation for passive and non-passive recreation facilities. Commission members agreed to review the Hubbard Lane project at the regularly scheduled commission meeting on Oct. 14, 2009.
- d) Simmons Soccer: discussed and resolved under public forum.
- e) Capital Improvement budget: 2010-11: B. Tedford suggested strongly that the outdoor facilities sub-committee meet in October to update and prioritize recommendations for 2010-11.
- f) Ordinance review: NO animals/smoking. Further discussion will take place with the BOS.
- g) Reviewed under item (e).

VII. Committee reports:

- a) Finance
- b) Maintenance
- c) Outdoor facilities
- d) Operations.

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

X. Adjourn:

MOTION: Made by T. Boscarino and seconded by K. Hayes to adjourn the meeting at 9:05pm.

VOTE: 7-0 IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION.

Submitted by:

Bob Tedford

9-15-09

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